

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 7, 2004 in which the examiner objected to certain claims for technical reasons. The claims have been amended in order to correct the technical objections, the withdrawl of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner rejected certain claims 9, 11, 35 and 39-47 over Shildneck in view of Elton '165. Claims 9 and 35 have been amended in order to recite the structure of the conductor comprising a plurality of insulated strands and at least one uninsulated strand. The claims are believed to overcome the cited references.

Attached is a terminal disclaimer which is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider his rejection of the claims, the allowance of which is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-2223 for fees, which may be required in this matter or credit any overpayment thereto.

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